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In re the Application of:

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING

A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.